

At a meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2011 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:-

Councillor G.N. Cook in the Chair

Councillors Shattock and Wakefield together with Mr. J.P. Paterson and Councillors Hepple and Wilkinson (Hetton Town Council).

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Charlton, Forbes and Tate together with Mr. C. Stewart.

Declarations of Interest

Item 3 - Dispensation Applications

Councillor Shattock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report as a retired member of UNISON and as she had made an application for a dispensation from the Standards Committee.

Councillor Wakefield declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report as a retired member of the Prospect Union.

Councillor Wilkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a retired member of the National Union of Teachers.

All three Councillors withdrew from the meeting and took no part in any discussion or voting on the item.

Dispensation Applications

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated), requesting the Committee to consider the granting of dispensations to the following Members of the Council in respect of a Notice of Motion on the Council agenda to be considered at the Council meeting later that day:-

Councillor D. Allan
Councillor E. Ball
Councillor R.A. Bell
Councillor J. Blackburn
Councillor S. Bonallie
Councillor B. Curran
Councillor A. Emerson
Councillor D. Errington
Councillor M.P. Essl
Councillor J. Fletcher
Councillor S. Foster
Councillor J. Gallagher
Councillor E. Gibson
Councillor P. Gibson
Councillor R. Heron
Councillor I.W. Kay
Councillor J. Kelly
Councillor D. MacKnight
Councillor T. Martin

Councillor F. Miller
Councillor G. Miller
Councillor M. Mordey
Councillor N.J. Padgett
Councillor J.S. Porthouse
Councillor D. Richardson
Councillor K.M. Rolph
Councillor B. Scaplehorn
Councillor J. Scott
Councillor C. Shattock
Councillor P. Smith
Councillor M. Speding
Councillor R.D. Tate
Councillor H. Trueman
Councillor P. Walker
Councillor D. Waller
Councillor P. Watson
Councillor S. Watson
Councillor N. Wright

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Head of Law and Governance, Ms. Elaine Waugh briefed the Committee on the circumstances in which a Standards Committee can grant a dispensation to a Member and the considerations suggested by Standards for England for dealing with dispensation requests detailed at paragraph 3(i) to (iv) in the report.

Members having discussed the matter, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that a dispensation be granted to each of the Members detailed above to enable them to participate fully in the debate on the Notice of Motion before Council on 7th December and to vote thereon.

(Signed) G.N. COOK,
Chairman.